

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace page 1, lines 20-25 and page 2, lines 1-2 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

Disposed within compression chamber 104 is a reciprocal piston assembly 110 that is secured to one end of an axially extending piston rod 112. Piston rod 112 is supported and guided for movement within pressure tube 102 by means of a combination seal and rod guide assembly 114 located at the upper end of pressure tube 102 and having a centrally extending bore 116 through which piston rod 112 is reciprocally movable. Disposed within bore 116 between rod guide assembly 114 and piston rod 112 is a ~~busing~~ bushing 118 which is used to facilitate movement of piston rod 112 with respect to ~~[[rode]]~~ rod guide assembly 114.